

In the Claims

Claim 9 - Please amend this claim as follows:

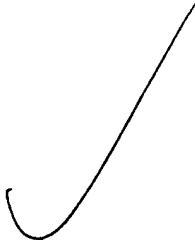
~~1/9~~. (Amended) A drum assembly for an internal drum-type imaging apparatus, the drum assembly defining [an] a concave imaging surface which is [at least] more than semi-cylindrical, the assembly made in accordance with a method comprising the steps of:

releasably wrapping a drum skin partially around a generally cylindrical mandrel having an axis, the drum skin having a front face facing toward said mandrel and defining an imaging surface and also having a rear face facing away from said mandrel;

fixedly attaching a drum to said rear face of the drum skin while the drum skin is wrapped around the mandrel, the drum and drum skin each extending for more than 180° and less than 360° about the mandrel axis so as to define an [defining an at least semi-cylindrical] interface of greater than 180° and less than 360° extent about the mandrel axis and which drum and drum skin cooperate [cooperating] to define a vacuum chamber;

generating a fluid bearing between said front face of the drum skin and the mandrel to separate the drum skin from the mandrel; and

moving the drum and attached drum skin relative to the mandrel and in a direction parallel to the mandrel axis to remove the drum and attached drum skin [assembly] from the mandrel while maintaining the fluid bearing between the drum skin and the mandrel, whereby the drum and attached drum skin after removal from said mandrel provide said drum assembly with said front face of said drum skin defining said concave [define an] imaging surface which is more [that is greater] than semi-cylindrical.--



Please add the following new claim:

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<sup>9</sup>~~17~~. (New) The assembly of claim ~~9~~, wherein the drum is made of a plurality of portions each of which portions is of no more than 180° extent about said mandrel axis, and which portions are individually placed onto the rear face of the drum skin after the wrapping of the drum skin onto the mandrel, and which portions are then attached to the drum skin and to one another.--